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RESPONSE FOR RCE

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This Response is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2009. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 16, 2010. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, the Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to file the Appeal Brief is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Response.

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